

Amendment No. 1 to HB2016

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**AMEND Senate Bill No. 1994**

**House Bill No. 2016\***

by deleting all language after the enacting clause and substituting instead the following:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 16-2-506(21)(A), is amended by the deleting the subdivision in its entirety and substituting instead the following:

(A)

(i) The twenty-first judicial district consists of the counties of Hickman, Lewis, Perry, and Williamson. For purposes of allocating judicial personnel and resources only, the twenty-first judicial district shall be organized into a Circuit 21A and a Circuit 21B. Circuit 21A shall consist of Williamson County, and Circuit 21B shall consist of Hickman, Lewis, and Perry counties.

(ii) There is created a new position of circuit judge, Division V, for assignment to Circuit 21B of the twenty-first judicial district. The circuit judge of Division V shall have jurisdiction over civil, criminal, and chancery matters in Hickman, Lewis, and Perry counties. The Division V circuit judge shall be appointed by the governor to serve until September 1, 2020, or until the judge's successor is elected and qualified. The appointed judge shall possess the same qualifications, powers, and duties and shall receive the same compensation, payable in the same manner, benefits, emoluments, and dignity of office as is required or provided by law for other circuit court judges or chancellors. At the August 2020 general election, the qualified voters of Hickman, Lewis, and Perry counties shall elect one (1) person to serve as circuit judge of Division V. The person so elected shall serve until September 1, 2022, or until the judge's

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successor is elected and qualified. At the August 2022 general election, and every eight (8) years thereafter, the qualified voters of Hickman, Lewis, and Perry counties shall elect a person to serve as judge of Division V of the circuit court of the twenty-first judicial district. Thereafter, the judge of Division V shall be elected for full eight-year terms.

(iii) Effective upon the appointment of the circuit judge of Division V, the incumbent judges for Divisions I, II, III, and IV of the circuit court of the twenty-first judicial district shall continue to serve in their respective capacities, shall be assigned to, and shall exercise civil, criminal, and chancery jurisdiction in Circuit 21A of the twenty-first judicial district. At the August 2022 general election, and every eight (8) years thereafter, the qualified voters of Williamson County shall elect one (1) person to serve as judge of Division I, one (1) person to serve as judge of Division II, one (1) person to serve as judge of Division III, and one (1) person to serve as judge of Division IV of the circuit court of the twenty-first judicial district. Thereafter, the judges of Divisions I, II, III, and IV shall be so elected for full eight-year terms.

(iv) For purposes of interchange, the judges of all divisions assigned to Circuit 21A and Circuit 21B of the twenty-first judicial district shall have jurisdiction to hear and decide cases in either circuit of the district, as the interests of justice may require.

(v) The judges of Divisions I, II, III, IV, and V shall be deemed to be judges of the twenty-first judicial district for purposes of § 16-2-509.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect September 1, 2018, the public welfare requiring it.